
Energy and Environment Committee
January 6, 2005

Action Minutes

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Energy and Environment Committee held its meeting at SCAG Offices downtown Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by Margaret Clark, Chair, Rosemead. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Bertone, Denis	SGVCOG
Clark, Margaret (Chair)	City of Rosemead
Cook, Debbie	City of Huntington Beach
Forester, Larry	City of Signal Hill
Krause, Mary Ann	City of Santa Paula
Marchand, Paul	City of Cathedral City
Nelson, Larry	City of Artesia
Van Arsdale, Lori	City of Hemet
Washburn, Dennis	City of Calabasas
Young, Toni	City of Port Hueneme

Members Not Present

Ashley, Marion	Riverside County
Eckenrode, Norman	City of Placentia
Harrison, Jon	City of Redlands
King, Dorothy	Gateway Cities COG
Portantino, Anthony	City of La Canada/Flintridge
Zerunyan, Frank	South Bay Cities COG

New Members

Bertone, Denis	SGVGOC
King, Dorothy	Gateway Cities COG
Zerunyan, Frank	South Bay Cities COG

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

Hon. Margaret Clark, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

3.0 REVIEW and PRIORITIZE

Items received in the following order: 6.1; 5.1; 6.2; 6.3 then 6.4.

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

4.1 Approval Item

4.1.1 Action Minutes of November 4, 2004

*Motion by Krause to approve the Action Minutes, Seconded by Washburn, then
Approved by the majority of the Committee. Marchand and Van Arsdale abstained.*

4.2 Receive and File

4.2.1 SCAG Future Events Calendar

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 2004 RTP/RTIP 8-hour Ozone Conformity Determination

Ted Harris, SCAG Staff, asked the Committee to approve the release of the draft 8-hour ozone conformity determination for public comment. The new federal conformity regulation for 8-hour ozone requires SCAG to receive approval from the US DOT by June 15, 2005. The 8-hour ozone conformity determination includes reaffirmation of the approved conformity findings for the 2004 RTP and RTIP.

*Motion by Krause to release the draft for comment, Seconded by Washburn, then
Approved Unanimously by the Committee.*

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6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Implementation of the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) Refuse Rule

Sarah Siwek, Siwek and Associates, briefed the Committee on CARB's Refuse Rule. This rule, passed in April 2004, relates specifically to garbage trucks and requires a reduction of particulate matter and makes the reduction of NOx optional. Since the introduction of the rule, new control technology has become available and she urged the region to achieve reductions in both particulates and NOx, thus, improving air quality.

6.2 Port of Los Angeles Baseline Air Emission Inventory

Ralph Appy, Port of Los Angeles, provided the Committee with a presentation on the Air Emission Inventory Project and some possible air quality control measures at the ports. Project Objectives include: Address concerns about potential health impacts to the community surrounding the Port; provide the Port with a baseline inventory planning tool for the development, prioritization and implementation of emission control strategies to reduce these impacts.

6.3 Guidance Document for Addressing Air Quality Issues in General Plans and Local Planning

Terry McCall, AQMD, returned to report on the status of the guidance document, formerly known as the model air quality element. The guidance document is consistent with state laws for general plans and gives cities various options depending on local needs. Currently, AQMD is in the public comment phase of the document and has asked the Committee to participate in the process.

6.4 Energy Chapter of the Regional Comprehensive Plan

Brett Sears, SCAG Staff, updated the Committee on the progress of the Energy Chapter of the Regional Comprehensive Plan. SCAG staff engaged experts and a group of local government officials versed in energy issues. The Regional Comprehensive Task Force then reviewed the policies in this chapter and directed staff to incorporate comments and proceed with a draft of the Energy Chapter. The draft is expected to be ready in the Spring of 2005.

The Committee also discussed the desire to reconvene the Solid Waste Task Force to review the Conversion Report and another conversion bill being resubmitted by Russ Bough.

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7.0 WATER POLICY TASK FORCE REPORT

Next meeting – February 10, 2005, 10a.m. to 12 noon.

8.0 CHAIR'S REPORT

None

9.0 STAFF REPORT

10.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Energy Chapter of the Regional Comprehensive Plan
- Waste Chapter of the Regional Comprehensive Plan

11.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS


None

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Margaret Clark adjourned meeting at 12:20pm.

The next meeting of the Energy and Environment Committee
will be held in the SCAG offices on Thursday, February 3, 2005.

Action Minutes Approved
by:


Sylvia Patsaouras, Manager
Energy and Environment